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REPORT To Our Reader - Owners

CONVENTION CITY

The California Labor Federation convention this month is going to be held in a city whose labor paper, the San Diego Labor Leader, has of late become very lively. For some time the paper had been edited on a part time basis, but recently one Bill Burns took hold as full-time editor, and ever since there have been fireworks to watch.

A new masthead was fixed up, the makeup was shaken in a bowl of mustard and TNT, and a column was started called "Bill Burns' Sideshow."

One of the weekly pleasures of the editor of East Bay Labor Journal now is to see what Bill Burns has been up to.

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WORDS CRASH HEAD ON

Not long ago Burns in his Sideshow column took a crack at "The Rank and File," a television drama written by Rod Serling and produced on Playhouse 90. And, as Burns reports in a recent issue, "the punch connected. I received a four-page single-spaced letter from the play's author. He is unhappy."

Serling had complained that Sideshow was written by a dyspeptic underpaid gossip columnist, to which Burns replied that "my digestion is good and I'm paid at the union scale, plus fringe benefits." Serling declared that the criticism was not written by a drama critic, to which Burns' reply was that "it did not purport to be drama criticism. It was an editorial defense of the labor movement, under insidious attack by an enemy."

Serling's letter had stated that he'd been a union member for ten years on which Burns crisply commented: "So? When was the last time you attended a union meeting?"

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WORTH READING

Enough has been cited to show that the San Diego Labor Leader has a vigorous hand at the helm.

Let's hope his editorial board appreciates what he's doing to make the paper worth reading.

Unions to vote on Labor Day parade

The Central Labor Council has adopted a recommendation of the Alameda County Council on Political Education (COPE) that it hold a referendum among affiliated unions on the question of whether they would like to participate in a Labor Day parade in 1960.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

Pickets oppose Pabco gimmick to wreck pact

There was much discussion at the Central Labor Council meeting this week of the action taken by the management of the big Fibreboard Paper Products Pabco plant in Emeryville against Steel Machinists 1304. The company subcontracted work done for many years by members of Local 1304 to a maintenance company, fired workers who had been employed for more than a score of years in many instances, and claimed that the contract with Local 1304 was canceled.

Dave Arca of Local 1304 said the union was fighting the case step by step, having placed pickets and filed an unfair labor practices charge with NLRB. William Stumpf, Steelworkers international representative, said the local's pickets had been reduced to two men at each entrance by managements court action, and said that much depended on workers in other crafts continuing to refuse to go through the line.

CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash said that the subcontracting out of work long done by a union under a regular contract, and suddenly declaring the union contract canceled, was a very dangerous gimmick which employers might use against any union if the issue were not fought out successfully here and now in this case.

(See Dave Arca's discussion of the matter in Steel Machinists 1304 column on page 4.)

Food Clerks face drug chain battle

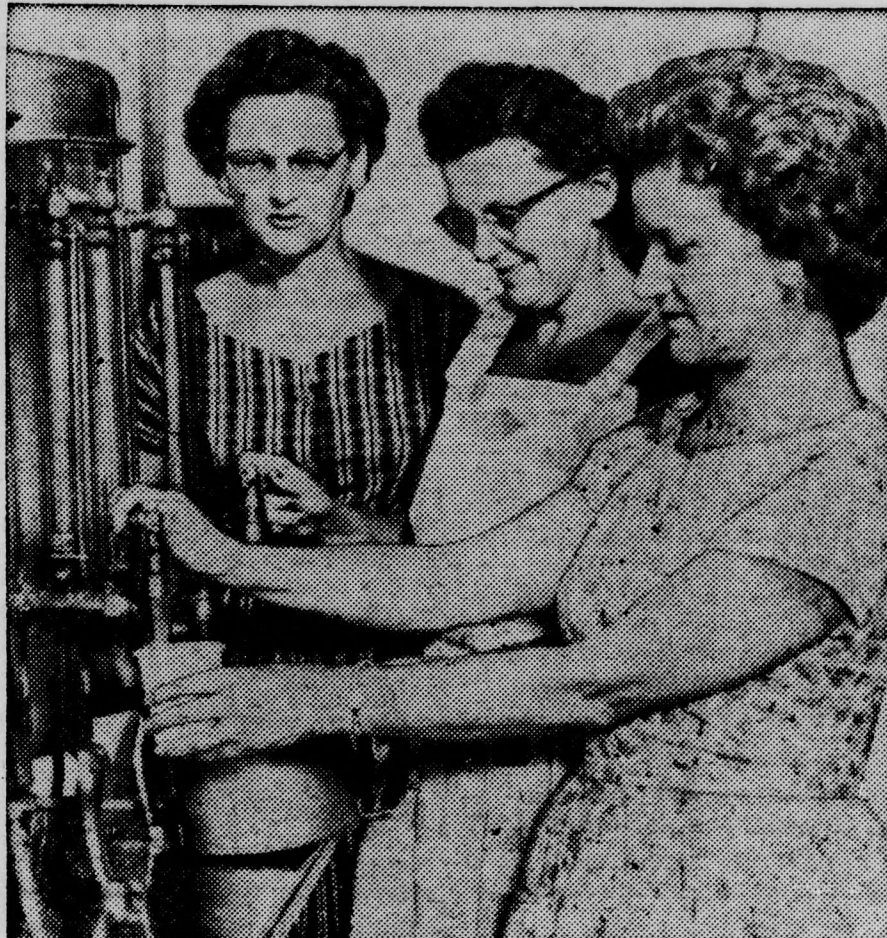
Food Clerks 870 are in negotiations on three of their major contracts: with the food industry, the package liquor stores, and the drug stores.

Harris Wilkin of Local 870 told the Central Labor Council this week that negotiations are always rough, but this year a little rougher on the drug contract negotiations because in Long's stores, a chain operating all over the State and in Hawaii, there may be a decertification election, though never before has Local 870's right to represent the employees of Long's stores here been questioned.

It just so happens, said Wilkin, that by coincidence Sam Axtell of the United Employers represents the other drug stores and Long's as clients of United Employers, all supposedly bargaining in good faith, and also represents Long's chain.

NO CLC MEET AUGUST 10

There will be no meeting of the Central Labor Council Monday, August 10, due to the California Labor Federation convention being in session then in San Diego.



COFFEE FOR STEEL PATROL is poured by volunteers from United Steelworkers Women's Auxiliary in Gary, Indiana, as in many other steel-making centers across the country as 500,000 workers stand united in industry-forced strike. Local reports on steel crisis made at Central Labor Council meeting on page 3.

Ike-Dixiecrat-NAM bill is denounced by the BTC

On the eve of the crucial vote in the House the Building Trades Council at its meeting this week discussed the "labor reform" measure backed by President Eisenhower, reactionary Republicans, and the NAM.

It was a pro-labor Congressman who called the bill "the NAM bill," the day after the BTC meeting, but comment at that meeting made it plain that the speakers felt the forces typified by the NAM were back of the vicious measure sponsored by a Dixiecrat and a reactionary Republican as a proposed substitute for the milder but still objectionable compromise measure officially reported by the House Labor Committee.

As the council met there was discussion in the press of the bill proposed in place of either of the aforementioned two, by Congressman John F. Shelley of San Francisco. This measure, HR 8490, was backed by C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation, in an urgent letter directed to all central labor and craft councils in the State.

The Shelley measure, said Haggerty, would "rid the labor movement of racketeers and not unions," and had the backing of the national AFL-CIO.

Haggerty, who had flown to Washington to discuss the various proposals with California

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State Labor convenes Monday

This week union officers in the East Bay were buzzing with preparations for the 1959 convention of the California Labor Federation, opening next week in San Diego, on Monday, August 10.

The meeting of the Central Labor Council which would regularly be held on that date has been canceled, the Building Trades Council has no meeting scheduled for that week, and many union offices will be in the hands of office secretaries.

President Joseph Pruss and Business Representative J. F. Childers will attend the convention as delegates from the Building Trades Council.

Executive Secretary Robert S. Ash of the Central Labor Council and Charles Wells of the

Steelworkers will attend the convention as delegates from the CLC. Assistant Secretaries Richard Groulx and Arthur Helender will attend as delegates from their own unions, the Office Employees and Communication Workers, respectively.

Prominent speakers on both State and national level will address the convention, and many important matters connected with the current stepped-up-attack on organized labor by reactionary employers will be discussed.

HAYWARD CULINARY MEMBERS, ATTENTION!

See page 5 for important notice on cancellation of August 11 meeting.

COPE says sell picnic tickets or give up '60

This year's COPE picnic, to be held Saturday, September 12, in the Tommy Roberts area of the Regional Park, comes just before the opening of the AFL-CIO convention in San Francisco, and top officers of the AFL-CIO as well as of the internationals have been invited to attend.

Those who buy tickets at a dollar apiece for the picnic will thus have an opportunity to see some of the leading figures in the American labor movement.

This fact was stressed at the meeting of COPE Alameda County AFL-CIO Council on Political Education, held at the

NEXT MEETING OF COPE TO BE HELD AUGUST 19

The next meeting of COPE will be held August 19 at the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez street. Executive board meets at 7:00 p.m.; meeting begins 8:00 p.m.

Labor Temple last week. Members of the ticket committee appointed by COPE President Ernie Perry of Steel Machinists 1304 feel that the chance to meet these top labor people will be a strong inducement for the buying of the tickets.

Proceeds from the sale of tickets go to the financing of political campaigns for the election of Federal officials: President and Vice President, U.S. Senators, and members of the

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Hughie Rutledge dies at his home

Hugh Rutledge, for over 20 years business representative and financial secretary of Painters 127, later a business representative of Painters District Council 16, and recently appointed a member of the Oakland Planning Commission, died Monday night at his home in Oakland. He would have been 60 on August 26.

Brother Rutledge had been ill for some time, but not long ago had seemed to make a splendid recovery, and his associates had hoped he would triumph over his illness. During the past two weeks he had suffered considerably, but at the end died quietly in his sleep.

The funeral was set for Thursday at 2:00 p.m. at the Chapel of the Oaks, 3007 Telegraph avenue.

He is survived by his wife, Cecile Naomi Rutledge, by a daughter, Mrs. Jean May, and by a son, Jimmie Hugh Rutledge, and by six grandchildren.

When Brother Rutledge retired from union office recently, he received an outpouring of respect and affection rarely experienced by any officer of any organization.

HOW TO BUY

Public on new credit binge

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

Consumer Expert for East Bay Labor Journal

Both the AFLCIO and the Credit Union National Association have announced plans to counsel their millions of members on how to manage money. These programs may be just in time to save many families from a repetition of the 1955-56 fiasco. Then the public in general went on a credit buying binge. This was followed by many repossessions, garnishees, complaints of overcharges both for credit merchandise and finance fees.

Now the public has started on another credit binge. In April, installment buying jumped by \$423,000,000, the largest monthly increase since 1955. By the end of May, consumers were in debt to the tune of forty-six billion dollars, a rise of a billion and a half dollars in two months and of seventeen billion dollars in five years.

The labor and credit unions say they aren't sure they know all the reasons why some of their members—often the same ones over and over—get into financial jams. But they feel it's become vital to help families learn how to manage their money more effectively. "Too often the financial gains won at the bargaining table are lost at the retail counter", warns Leo Perlis, AFLCIO Community Services Director.

The AFLCIO Community Service Committee has pilot classes under way in six cities, and more will start this fall. The National Community Services Committee has been concentrating first on sending its local representatives in various cities through money-management courses arranged with the help of local colleges. The local representatives in turn will arrange courses of six to ten

classes for union families plus one-day institutes on specific local consumer problems. For example, the Columbus, Ohio, AFLCIO Council just completed its first nine weeks course for union members and wives, using the City Hall for the classes.

These courses cover such topics as comparative costs of credit offered by various sellers and lenders; budgeting; shopping for insurance; planning family meals, and buying cars, homes and household equipment.

In New York, the Central Labor Council's Community Services Committee has joined in sponsoring a Metropolitan Consumer Council. The Council works with labor and credit unions, co-ops, family service agencies and other community groups to develop family financial counseling programs. The Council is making a consumer course available to local unions or other organizations wanting to provide this information for members, and is also representing consumer interests before local government agencies.

Similarly the credit unions have come to feel that high-pressure installment selling makes it imperative that they provide their members with financial counseling. Such guidance will benefit employers too, points out John Bigger, educational director of the Credit Union National Association.

"People more secure in their family life and more successful in managing their money make more effective workers", he says.

The credit unions are concerned that credit is not merely being made available to moderate-income families, it is forced on people. In many cases this high-pressure credit is high-cost credit. One result is that the personal bankruptcy rate has been rising fast, the CUNA Executive Committee reports.

To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

PSYCHE - PROBERS certainly turn up with some odd bits of guesswork these days. Some of the guesses get accepted later, too, and become part of our folklore.

But take this one. Dr. Maury D. Sanger, dermatologist and a clinical professor of allergy at the Albert Einstein Medical College, says that if you develop inflammation of the finger under your wedding ring, it may be an indication of marital strife.

Ring finger dermatitis, he says, is a relatively common condition. For years it was assumed that it was caused by an allergy to the metal in the ring, or to dirt under the ring, or to soap, or even fungus.

"REMOVAL OF THE RING," says this savant, "symbolically 'divorces' the patient from a marital situation which she finds intolerable, and the eczema promptly clears."

Then there's the father of the bride or the mother of the bridegroom who develops eczema shortly before a wedding.

ONE MOTHER, says Dr. Sanger, developed severe eczema from head to foot on the eve of the wedding of her son. She declared she would not be able to attend the wedding on account of the eczema.

But in talking out her plight, the woman realized she was making excessive demands on her son, her condition cleared, and she was able to attend the wedding.

Which all indicates that you should not only take with a grain of salt what other people tell you, but what you tell yourself about what's the matter with you.

Teen-ager has ideas on attire

W. T. O'Rear, secretary of the Fresno-Madera Labor Council, in the Valley Labor Citizen, comments on his daughter's standards in attire:

We are dealing with a high school junior who would go downtown wearing some popular attire, barefooted, and resembling a wrecked sail boat but if her father would want to go to the office after work wearing some old clothes, "Why, Daddy, you aren't going to wear that outfit on the street where people can see you, are you?"

On vacation, she helped COPE

DURHAM, N.C.—The AFL-CIO Committee on Political Education means a lot to Mrs. B. T. Cash, recording secretary of Retail Clerks Local 208 here.

Mrs. Cash proved this when she gave up her union-won week's vacation to put in a full 40-hour week as a volunteer in the Durham COPE office.—AFL-CIO News.

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She got job and pay back

How an IAM contract insures justice on the job was impressively demonstrated at Fond du Lac, Wis., recently.

Mrs. Leona Kramer collected \$1,944.64 pay for lost time and won complete vindication after being summarily fired. Management charges that she neglected her job as an inspector failed to stick, Grand Lodge Rep. Gilbert Brunner reports.

Mrs. Kramer is an inspector at the Fond du Lac factory of Kiekhaefer Corp. and recording secretary of IAM Lodge 1947.

An impartial arbitrator awarded the back pay and ordered her reinstated with full seniority rights under grievance procedure guaranteed by Lodge 1947's contract with the company, Brunner states. — The Machinist.

Curl pulls out

Try thinning your hair when heavy locks begin to droop and lose what once was a lovely curl. Sometimes the weight of the hair will pull out the effects of a curl.

Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

MOST OF US are interested in stories of oldsters conquering the handicaps of old age and carrying on in sprightly and youthful fashion. We are interested, because we know old age is something that is going to hit us some time, and we like to think that it is no all aches and arthritis.

Now comes Ruth St. Denis, who sixty years ago was a leading figure of the American dance, a slim, lovely and willowy creature, still slim, willowy and erect—and dancing!

"The creative life is what keeps me going," says this young lady of 80. "Anyone who remains alert and alive after seventy must be vitally interested in something, whether it's art or golf or space."

She has small sympathy for old folks who sit down and do nothing but complain that their grandchildren don't visit them often enough and that the food isn't good.

Miss St. Denis still has a heavy schedule of lecturing and dancing in Hollywood, where she now lives, and at times goes on a national tour.

At present she is interested restoring dancing to worship.

"It was an important part of worship once," she said. "Then they went to excess, and it was banned. We are now composing a dance to the music of Gabrieli, a pre-Bach composer."

Asked about diet, she says she has no food fads, but eats mostly fruits and vegetables. She does not drink or smoke, and she still does her exercises every day.

Modern medicine is adding years and health to our lives, but the doctors cannot do everything, as they are the first to tell you.

Keeping active and alive and interested is better than any medicine at any time of life, for there is no disease so fatal as boredom.

Ruth St. Denis is only one of many who have reached 80 and found this out.

Tearful appeal for real onions

In this space and gadget age, we know that life will change tremendously from year to year. But somehow any cook takes it for granted that a potato will always be a potato, an onion always an onion.

Now even that illusion of timeless certainty has been shaken.

An American-Canadian organization in Canada, has announced that its research staff has almost perfected an odorless "social" onion, which it expects to put on the market next year.

The organization's president says, "We have already got it tamed to the point where you don't cry when you peel it and the smell is on its way out, too."

New-fashioned this may be, but protests are in order. This will not be an onion but some timid substitute.—Farmers Union Herald

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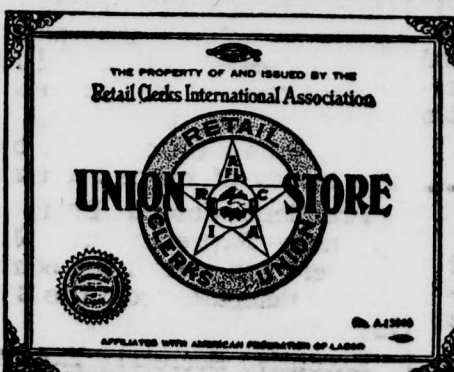
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Big Steel pumps propaganda; unions here aid strikers

Big Steel this week began pumping out proposals based on letters allegedly received from persons who had read the full page ads in dailies all over the country charging that the United Steelworkers were "striking for inflation."

But in the East Bay unionists were taking practical steps to take care of the interests of the people on strike.

The Central Labor Council authorized Secretary Robert S. Ash to send communications to all affiliated unions asking that assistance be given to the steelworkers on strike for weeks against the Visking Corporation.

Ken Steadman of Steelworkers Local 3367, which has worked out a contract with Pacific States Steel Company near Niles, reported that the local had voted to give financial assistance to the Visking strikers.

Local 3367, said Steadman, will begin setting aside from time to time a day's pay at the plant, amounting to some \$12,000, and will apportion this among locals on strike, with the strikers at Visking high on the list.

The company has agreed to check off for the union this day's pay on each occasion it is levied.

It was made plain at the CLC meeting that despite plans of Steelworkers' locals to help the Visking strikers, all affiliated unions will still be asked to contribute to their aid.

Ed Jencks, Steelworkers Local 4468, said that the American Can Company has been stacking supplies of steel to the very ceiling, and also seems to be trying to stack cans in preparation for negotiations with the union. Also, he said, the management is bombarding the workers and their families at home addresses with weekly newsletters indicating that American Can will use the same tough "anti-inflation" tactics used by the major steel companies.

Steadman in his report on the successful negotiations with Pacific States Steel said that the members of the local there realize fully that steelworkers on strike are winning terms in the new national contract "which will benefit us." For in addition to the many local clauses worked out in the contract, a key clause specifies that when the national agreement is reached, it will be put into effect by Pacific States Steel, retroactive to July 1.

Senator Jackson warns that Soviet Russia is drawing ahead rapidly

WASHINGTON — The country's defense is adequate at present but "we're going to be in a critical situation starting in 1961, 1962 and or 1963," Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.), member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, declared.

"Looking ahead, the way it stands now, we're going to find that the Soviets may have a three to one lead over us in intercontinental ballistic missiles," he said.—AFLCIO News.

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Heads roll as Governor backs probe of farm bracero racket

Corporation farmers who have long relied on the importation of Mexican nationals to work cheap and to prevent the forming of an effective agricultural workers union were very much worried this week.

Heads were rolling in the Farm Placement Service, the branch of the State Employment Department which for years has been handling the job of importing Mexican nationals in cahoots with a branch of the Federal Government under a Federal law the provisions of which have been long protested by organized labor.

Governor Brown has given every evidence of backing the investigation of the Farm Placement Service to the hilt. He has asked John E. Carr, who as director of the State Employment Department started the investigation, to stay in charge of it even though Carr has now been promoted to the post of State director of finance.

Attorney General Mosk has assigned a vigorous deputy from his office, Charles O'Brien, who is checking stories of fraud and various violations of the law which are pouring in from both Southern California, where the probe started, and from Northern California, which is now being studied by the investigators.

William N. Cunningham, Southern California boss of the Farm Placement Service, has already been fired, and Don R. Park, supervisor of Mexican labor placement in San Diego and Imperial counties, quit his job while being questioned.

Organized labor has long contended that not only did the importation policy as administered by the State under Republican Governors prevent American workers from getting farm jobs and forming a labor union, but that the Mexican braceros were mistreated and exploited.

These latter charges are confirmed by persons who are informing Deputy Attorney General O'Brien that some farm employers have been pocketing money deducted from Mexican laborers' earnings for insurance, and that some have been profiting on money deducted for the laborers' food. By law employers are authorized to deduct \$1.75 per worker a day for meals, but it is charged that in some instances daily food allowances costing less than 50 cents have been given to the workers.

O'Brien says investigators have also received reports that Mexican nationals have been abused after protesting against working conditions.

Carr's probe has brought up many stories of gifts to Farm

Placement Service agents by wealthy farmers.

Meanwhile the recently organized AFLCIO Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee, commonly called the AWOC, has moved in to block the importation of an estimated 15,000 Mexican nationals to harvest the San Joaquin \$20 million tomato crop.

Ed William of AWOC charges that the Farm Placement Service has been permitting what in effect is unilateral wage fixing by growers' association. The labor group asks that the rate for tomato picking be set at 18 cents per 50-pound box instead of the 12 cents the growers are said to be planning. In general, says the AWOC, the policy of the growers has been to get the rate set so low that it will not "attract and retain domestic workers," and then they argue that Mexicans must be imported.

Print Specialties folding box pact

Marshall Thorpe, secretary-treasurer of Printing Specialties Local 382, has reported to the Central Labor Council that a new contract has been negotiated with the folding and set up box industry on both sides of the Bay covering some 800 workers.

Among the provisions of the new agreement are hourly wage increases of from 10½ cents to 20 cents depending on classification, 3 weeks vacation after 10 years service, larger health and welfare payments, and an additional holiday.

The employers themselves, said Thorpe, suggested that the Monday after Easter Sunday would be a good spot on the calendar to place the new holiday.

"Many good Christians," remarked Thorpe, "after their long Lenten fast, and appropriate observance of its ending, will value an extra day in which to rest up."

First minimum wage law is adopted in Maine: \$1 an hour set up as rate

AUGUSTA, ME.—Maine's first minimum wage law—\$1 an hour for workers in intrastate commerce—has been passed by the legislature and signed by Gov. Clinton Clauson (D).

A bipartisan coalition of the legislature held firm and defeated efforts to lower the minimum to 80 cents and exempt part-time workers.—AFLCIO News.

UNIONS MAY MAIL IN STORIES OF LABOR YEAR

John Klempner, who has been interviewing officers of unions for stories of their progress during the labor year, to be published in the Labor Day edition of East Bay Labor Journal, has been called out of town due to illness in his family.

He has already written many stories, but due to the fact that he may not return in time to complete his work, it is suggested that unions not yet interviewed may wish to send in brief accounts of their activities during the labor year to East Bay Labor Journal, 1622 East 12th Street, Oakland 6.

Police Chief E. Toothman at CLC Exec. Board meet

Oakland's new police chief, Edward Toothman, who has succeeded Chief Vernon, retired, attended a recent session of the Central Labor Council executive committee, and spoke briefly.

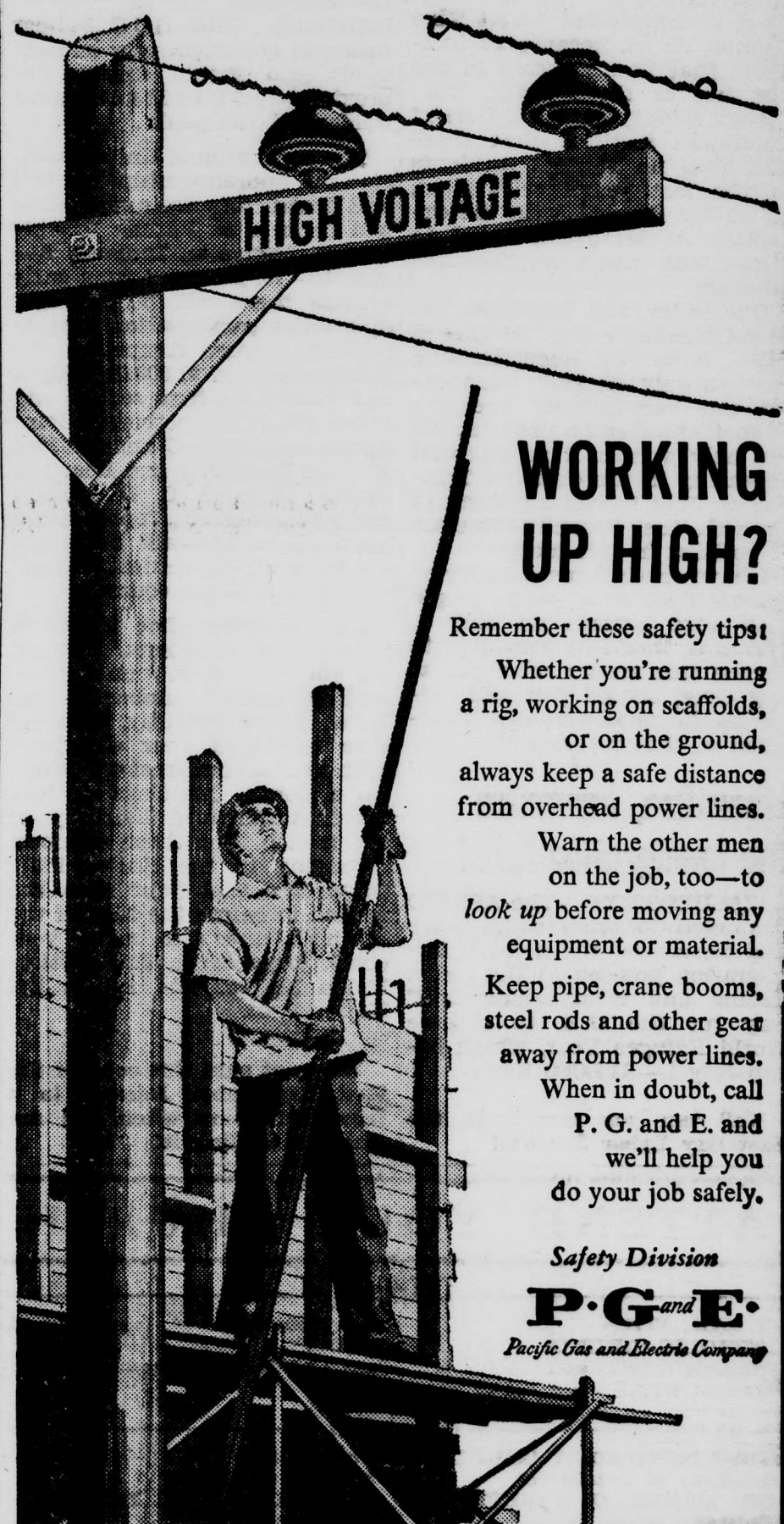
Licensed slavery on farms attacked

Norman Smith, in charge of the AFLCIO Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee operating on a two-year budget in the Stockton-centered agricultural area, told the Central Labor Council this week that there are two reasons why all labor unions should back the organizing drive.

The first is for common humanity's sake, because of the outrageous way both the Mexican nationals imported by the factory farms under a licensed slavery are exploited, and the way American workers who try to get jobs on the farms are mistreated and shoved aside.

The second is because farm workers ununionized and half starved take jobs away from people belonging to the organized trades.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, Aline Haake reported to the Central Labor Council, are especially interested in Senate Bill 95, providing for official recognition of Government workers unions.



WORKING UP HIGH?

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Hizzonner asked if Trib editorial set off fireworks

Richard Groulx, assistant secretary of the Central Labor Council, recently sent the following letter to His Honor Clifford E. Rishell, Mayor of Oakland:

I was pleased to receive your letter of July 20th indicating your position on the Independence Day fireworks program, at Lake Merritt.

We are in agreement with one point in your letter, in that we were aware that it was the Deputy Police Chief who appeared before your Council, and not the Chief of Police. However, we feel this error in our communication to you was a minor one, since we assume that the Deputy Police Chief can speak for the entire department.

We cannot agree with your statement that the City Council had never taken a position to discontinue the fireworks program. It leads me to wonder if each of us attended the same meeting on July 9, 1959. My recollection of that meeting was that you introduced the matter of discontinuing the fireworks and recommended that the Council do so, because of incidents that had occurred in the last two or three years. Even though Deputy Police Chief Toothman testified that there had been no unusual incidents in the last year's celebration, all of the Council, with the exception of Marovich, voted to discontinue the 1960 fireworks program.

Our letter was based on the City Council's action on July 9, 1959. It is my understanding that on July 16, 1959, the matter was reconsidered and the Council changed its position. We can only wonder if an editorial appearing in the Oakland Tribune on July 10 had anything to do with the Council's reversal of position in this matter.

I have checked my memory of this incident with several people who were present on July 9, 1959, and would be very glad to discuss this matter with you at any time, should you still differ as to what actually transpired at that meeting.

Liberalize, humanize the immigration laws!

WASHINGTON — The AFLCIO has urged Congress to "liberalize and humanize" the nation's immigration policies as the "most lasting and most appropriate" way for the U.S. to observe World Refugee Year, which began July 1.—AFLCIO News

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

Steamfitters Local 342

By JIM MARTIN

This past week the AFLCIO organizations across the nation received the 1959 call of the national AFLCIO to meet in convention in San Francisco September 17, 1959, at a time when the labor movement is under its heaviest attack in more than a generation.

Sessions of the national AFLCIO convention will start in San Francisco at the Civic Auditorium on Thursday morning, September 17 and will continue from day to day until the business of the convention is completed.

Our General President Peter T. Schoemann, who is a National Executive Board member of the AFLCIO, Assistant General President John McCartin and other United Association general officers will be attending this convention. An invitation to attend our membership meeting to be held on September 17 has been extended to our general officers, and if the invitation is accepted our membership will be notified.

The Bechtel Company has been awarded the contract at the Standard Oil Refinery in Richmond. This SCC Palmer Unit will get under way immediately and should employ approximately 350 fitters and welders at the peak.

The sixth annual United Association apprenticeship contest and instructors training course will be held at Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana, August 10-15, 1959 and from early reports there will be a larger apprentice participation than in previous years, competing for prize monies of \$1,000.00, \$500.00 and \$250.00 for first, second and third places respectively. Joint Apprenticeship Committee Member Dick Dole and Board of Trustee Member C. D. Gibbon and Jack Matheis, representing Local Union 342, will be in attendance at this contest and instructors training course.

The business office wishes to remind the members: Please see that we have your address and telephone number if you have moved recently, also be sure to watch your dues and plan to attend at least one meeting a month. Meetings are held the first and third Thursdays of the month. For those members belonging to the Kaiser Plan, please see that your dues are mailed in before the 25th of the month and also make your check payable to Steamfitters Union No. 342 and not to the Kaiser Plan.

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!

Steel Machinists 1304

By DAVE ARCA

Shades of Pearl Harbor! One of the sneakiest attacks on a union has been applied to Local 1304 by Fibreboard Paper Products Inc., management.

After acknowledging our 60-day reopening notice, and promising to meet on our proposals for modifications, they connived with a contractor to give our jobs to another Union. They claim that the contractor has an agreement signed in Yorktown, Virginia, that covers our work here in Emeryville, California. What malarkey! Our contract is still in effect. We've filed unfair labor charges against this management, and we're determined to retain the contractual rights we've won in more than 20 years of collective bargaining at this plant. They have been a party to all of the conditions they want to eliminate by this legal larceny. Make no mistakes. If they can make it stick with us, no union is safe.

To maintain that an agreement remains in effect only if it's not re-opened, is ridiculous. How can you negotiate improvements if you can't open your agreement?

We sincerely hope you understand our position. To the good union members who are respecting our lines at Pabco, we extend our heartfelt gratitude and Thanks. But please, we're not on strike, we're locked out.

Chips and Chatter

By AL THOMAS

The building trades have an interesting development in progress at the Pabco plant in Emeryville. The Pabco Company is terminating a contract with a union and hiring a corporation to do maintenance that is signed nationally to building trades contracts and intends to work under our conditions and wages. There will be plenty of smoke and sound but we shall see what we shall see.

I wish to remind those not aware that blood bank No. 5 is due if you have not paid it.

Those who can should try to attend the AFLCIO picnic at Roberts Park September 12th. Tickets \$1.00, prizes and fun.

The Credit Union is going along in good shape. The board recommended purchase of an adding machine which has been acquired. The board also set a policy that in the future the Credit Union would not enter into local union politics nor use its membership lists for such mailings. This should clear up some smokey air.

A short note of sadness, brother Rutledge of the Painters has left and, we express our deepest sympathy. They will have a hard time replacing this brother with all his energy and cheerfulness.

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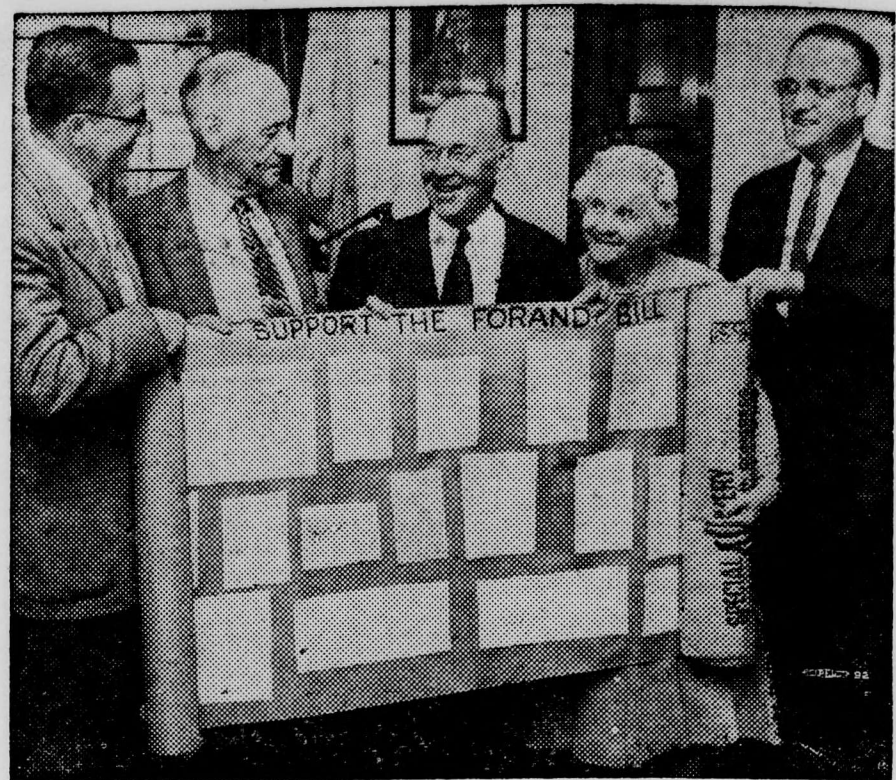
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FORAND BILL passage, providing hospitalization for pensioners, is asked in scroll bearing 1700 signatures and 400 letters, presented to Congress by Mrs. Jennie Herbon (second from right) and John Fitzpatrick (second from left), both 69 and both of Detroit. Accepting scroll are Thaddeus M. Machrowicz of Michigan (left) and Aime J. Forand of Rhode Island (center), members of House Ways & Means Committee, and Rep. James G. O'Hara of Michigan (right). All three are Democrats.

Strike of Laundry Workers averted

JERSEY CITY, N.J.—Members of Local 284 of the Laundry and Dry Cleaning Workers have overwhelmingly approved a two-year package contract. The last-minute agreement narrowly averted a strike by 3,000 family laundry workers.

The settlement with New Jersey Laundry and Cleaning Institute calls for an across-the-board wage increase of 10 cents an hour; a \$40 weekly wage guarantee; new minimum starting rates of \$1.25 for men and \$1 an hour for women and three weeks' paid vacation after 12 years.

Winfield S. Chasmar, head of Local 284 and president of the parent union, called the pact "one of the finest in the entire laundry industry." — AFLCIO News.

Labor publication list is announced by AFLCIO

WASHINGTON — A mid-1959 revised edition of the AFLCIO List of Publications containing 60 titles of books, pamphlets and leaflets is currently available from the AFLCIO Dept. of Publications.

Pertinent data is provided for each listing on date of publication, price and a brief description of the contents.

The July 1959 edition of the List of Publications is available without cost from the Dept. of Publications, 815 16th Street, N. W., Washington 6, D. C.—AFLCIO News.

Textile Workers win big Canada organizing drive

TORONTO — Climaxing a three-year organizing campaign, 2,000 workers at Canadian Celanese, Ltd., in Drummondville have won the right to be represented by the Textile Workers Union of America.

The Quebec Labor Relations Board declared the TWUA sole bargaining agent following an investigation which revealed that the great majority of the Celanese employees were members of the union. — AFLCIO

Tribune high man warns newspaper trade poorly paid

Three members of a four-man Sigma Delta Chi panel opposed journalism careers for their children in a recent discussion held by the Northern California chapter of the organization.

Abe Mellinkoff, city editor of the San Francisco Chronicle, said, "if my daughters enter the newspaper business, I hope they do so by marrying publishers."

Dr. Raymond D. Lawrence, editor of the editorial page of the Oakland Tribune, said, "because of inadequate pay and security, no son or daughter of anybody should be advised to go into newspaper work."

George Duschek, science writer of the San Francisco News, said, "the newspaper industry is dying and deserves to die because it is no longer meeting its obligations" and newspapers are "no longer in adjustment with the society in which we live."

Ed Dooley, assistant managing editor of Hearst's San Francisco Examiner, took the opposite view and was supported by a number of similar opinions from the floor. — Alameda County Observer.

Anti-labor act is out in Wisconsin

MADISON, WIS.—The punitive Catlin Act, pushed through by Wisconsin Republican four years ago, in an effort to put political handcuffs on organized labor, has been repealed.

Gov. Gaylord Nelson (D) signed the repealer after a handful of Republicans joined the Democratic minority in the state Senate to pass the bill by a single vote. It had previously passed the Democratic-controlled Assembly.

The Catlin Act prohibited unions from helping candidates for state office and outlawed union contributions of "any money or thing of value, directly or indirectly . . . for any political purpose whatsoever." — AFLCIO News.

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OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

AUTOMOBILE SALESMEN 1095

Please be advised that the next regular meeting of Automobile Salesmen 1095, will be held September 3, 1959 at 8:00 p.m.

Location: Cooks Hall, 1608 Webster Street, Oakland. All members should attend this meeting.

Fraternally,
ALBERT R. SILVA,
Secretary

CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

The Business Agents' and Dispatchers' office is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, room 232, phone TWInoaks 3-1120.

CARPENTERS 1158

There will be a special called meeting on Monday, August 17, 1959, at 8:00 p.m., in Finnish Hall, 1970 Chestnut Street, Berkeley.

The purpose of the meeting is to vote on the question of retaining the Brotherhood pension plan. This involves a possible increase in the per capita tax.

Your attendance is requested.

Fraternally,
H. B. RICHARDSON,
Recording Secretary

SHEET METAL WORKERS 216

No membership meetings will be held during the month of August unless a special meeting is called. In this event, all members will be notified by mail.

Fraternally yours,
LLOYD CHILD,
Business Representative

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings for the month of August will be held at the Labor Temple, 1050 Mattox Road, Hayward, each Friday at 8:00 p.m.

At the regular meeting Friday, August 7, there will be shown a film portraying the working and sanitary conditions on California factory farms.

Fraternally yours,
MARIUS WALDAL,
Recording Secretary

CO. SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 257

Persuant to the action taken at the June 6 meeting of the local, the August 1959 meeting has been cancelled due to the summer season.

Members wishing to pay union dues may mail them to Will Minnick, financial secretary.

Fraternally,
JOE FALLS,
Secretary

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

A special meeting follows the regular meeting of Friday night August 7. We will nominate candidates; one to be elected to the warden's office to fill out the year ending June 30, 1960.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

FIRE FIGHTERS 55

The next regular meeting of Local 55, International Association of Fire Fighters will be held at the Oakland Fire Department Drill Tower, on Wednesday, August 12, 1959, at 7:30 p.m. Members are requested to be present.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
AL GRAY,
Secretary

HAYWARD CULINARY 823

The 2:30 p.m. meeting of August 11, 1959, has been canceled due to the California Labor Federation convention in San Diego.

Fraternally,
ROY WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8:00 p.m. at Carpenters Hall, 761-12th Street, Oakland, Calif.

There will be a special called meeting Friday at 8 p.m., August 21, 1959, to vote on a 25 cents referendum per capita tax, per month, to the general office for the Home and Pension Fund as specified by the last general convention. The delegates to the State Labor Federation will also make their reports at this time.

The stewards will meet Thursday at 8 p.m. August 20, 1959.

The Educational Committee will meet Wednesday at 8 p.m. August 26, 1959.

All meetings will be at Carpenters' Hall, 761 - 12th Street, Oakland, California.

Fraternally yours,
OSCAR N. ANDERSON,
Recording Secretary

PLUMBERS 444

The local union at the meeting Wednesday, July 22, concurred in the recommendation of the executive board to close the office at 4:30 p.m.

Beginning August 3, 1959, the office hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., as the busiest part of the day is the early morning hours when more help is needed in dispatching members to the jobs as well as the numerous phone calls which must be answered.

Yours fraternally,
BEN H. BEYNON,
Financial secretary-treasurer & business manager

UNITED STEELWORKERS 1798

Steelworkers Local 1798 will meet Friday, August 28, 1959, 8:00 p.m., 2315 Valdez Street, Hall D, Oakland, California.

Fraternally,
DOROTHY McDAID,
Recording Secretary

CLERKS, LUMBER HANDLERS 939

A special called meeting will be held Wednesday August 12, 1959 at 8:00 p.m. in Hall "A" at the Labor Temple. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the wage offer submitted by the employers; other important business will also come before the members for discussion.

It is important that you attend this meeting as it concerns all members of Local 939.

Fraternally yours,
A. R. ESTES,
Recording Secretary

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Regular meeting Thursday, August 6th at 8:00 p.m. Executive Board meets 6:30 p.m.

Fraternally yours,
DAVE ARCA,
Recording Secretary

14,000 PG&E WORKERS will receive wage increases averaging 5½% in a one-year contract negotiated by Electrical Workers 1245 with the big corporation. The contract covers all types of work for the utility.

Harvard Prof says 'school of sin' may sanctify Jim

The International Teamster naturally didn't hesitate to run the following comment on James R. Hoffa made by Professor James J. Healey of the Harvard Business School, which is republished here by East Bay Labor Journal in the interest of fair play, if that is a term with which Mr. Hoffa is familiar:

Mr. Hoffa has scrupulously maintained a sincere interest in the members of his own union. Over the years he has gone out of his way to establish a close rapport with his constituents. Too many other union leaders have lost their sense of responsibility to their constituents which has been a hallmark of Hoffa's career. They have lost touch with their membership, while Hoffa has loyal membership following.

If we search the facts very carefully we have to admit that most employers who have had genuine collective bargaining experience with Mr. Hoffa respect him and view him as a person whose word at the bargaining table is entirely reliable. He has, in fact, developed substantial support in the inner circles of many employer groups with which he has had occasion to deal.

Finally, we would have to agree that some of the greatest saints had their schooling in sin. In my opinion, there is a very good chance that Mr. Hoffa — considering the potential within his character — will be back in the fold of the American Federation of Labor within about five years and may even emerge as one of the outstanding labor leaders of all time.

Business in Canada in midst of boom

OTTAWA, ONT. — Booming Canadian corporations in the first quarter of 1959 boosted profits 20.5 percent before taxes and 16.9 percent after taxes compared with the first quarter of 1958, according to a federal Bureau of Statistics report.

This year's total of \$665 million was \$113 million more than the \$552 million grossed in the first quarter of last year. Profits after taxes were estimated at \$367 million in the first three months of 1959, compared with \$314 million in the corresponding period of 1958. — AFLCIO News.

Free trade unions for freedom of West Berlin

BERLIN—The executive board of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions has pledged full support to the preservation of the freedom of West Berlin and insistence on the right of foreign powers to protect the city against abrogation or impairment.

The board called for the convening of a summit conference to conclude agreements about problems which constitute the most serious threats to world peace—particularly the problem of German reunification in peace and freedom. — AFLCIO News.

Machinists outwit smash-union drive

NEW YORK—Workers at a big U.S. Gypsum Co. plant here joined the Machinists by a vote of 262 to 70 after a company anti-union campaign which recalled the Mohawk Valley Formula and was without parallel in this area in the past 30 years, according to Business Mgr. Thomas Carey of IAM Dist. 15.

The IAM charged that the U. S. Gypsum plant at New Brighton, S. I., followed a deliberately plotted timetable plan in its efforts to "bust" the IAM drive.

The company organized its 80 salaried supervisors to classify and report on worker attitudes, the union said, and supplied them periodically with arguments designed to undermine the union appeal.

The company told the supervisors, supplemented by technicians and other management influenced personnel, that they were matched against "one union organizer and a handful of radicals," the IAM said.

The company sent a series of letters to its 400 employees in an effort to convince them the company would "guarantee" their "right" not to join a union. It also accused the IAM of consorting with "racketeering unions," the union said.

Organizer Joseph Hallstein led the successful campaign. The New Brighton plant is one of a chain of 51 plants. — AFLCIO News.

Greathouse of UAW has new farm plan

WASHINGTON — Auto Workers Vice Pres. Pat Greathouse has urged Congress to enact a national farm program aimed at raising farm income, protecting family farms from absorption by giant agricultural corporations and using surplus food to feed hungry people at home and abroad.

Greathouse, director of the UAW's Agricultural Implement Dept., presented his testimony to the House Agriculture Committee over the loud protest of Rep. Charles B. Hoeven (R-Ia.). — AFLCIO News.

Here are figures which make union peculations puny

\$5,000,000,000 is the amount which "Life" estimated changes hands in business kickbacks, payoff and bribes every year.

\$250,000,000 is the amount of income tax deductions which employers took from employees' wages but failed to turn in to the Federal Government last year.

\$10,000,000 is the amount the McClellan Committee estimated as having been stolen, misused or embezzled by union officials during the last 15 years.

These figures provide us with some perspective on the ethical problems confronting the people of the United States.

These figures do not give the same perspective that one might get from the daily newspapers.

They do not, for example, support the hysteria for labor legislation this year at all costs, a hysteria carefully spread around Washington by employers, a hysteria fanned by editorial writers and columnists for most of the commercial press, a hysteria echoed by many politicians.—The Machinist.

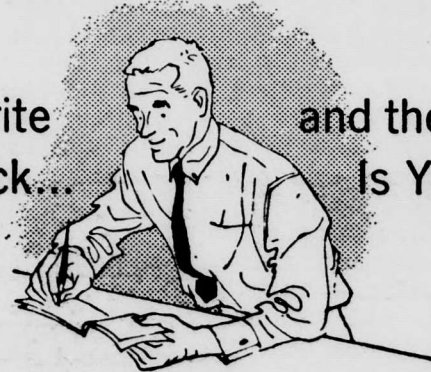
Premium pay for Sunday and Saturday work now common contract feature

WASHINGTON—Premium pay for work on Saturday or Sunday is now a common feature of union contracts, according to the May-June issue of Collective Bargaining Reports, publication of the AFL-CIO Dept. of Research.

Almost 60 percent of major agreements — those covering 1,000 or more workers—now call for extra pay on Saturdays. This is usually time and one-half the regular rate of pay.

The report is based on a new study of major agreements by the U. S. Dept. of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. The study surveyed 1,736 pacts covering some 7.8 million workers or about half of all workers under union contracts, excepting railway and airline employees.—AFLCIO News.

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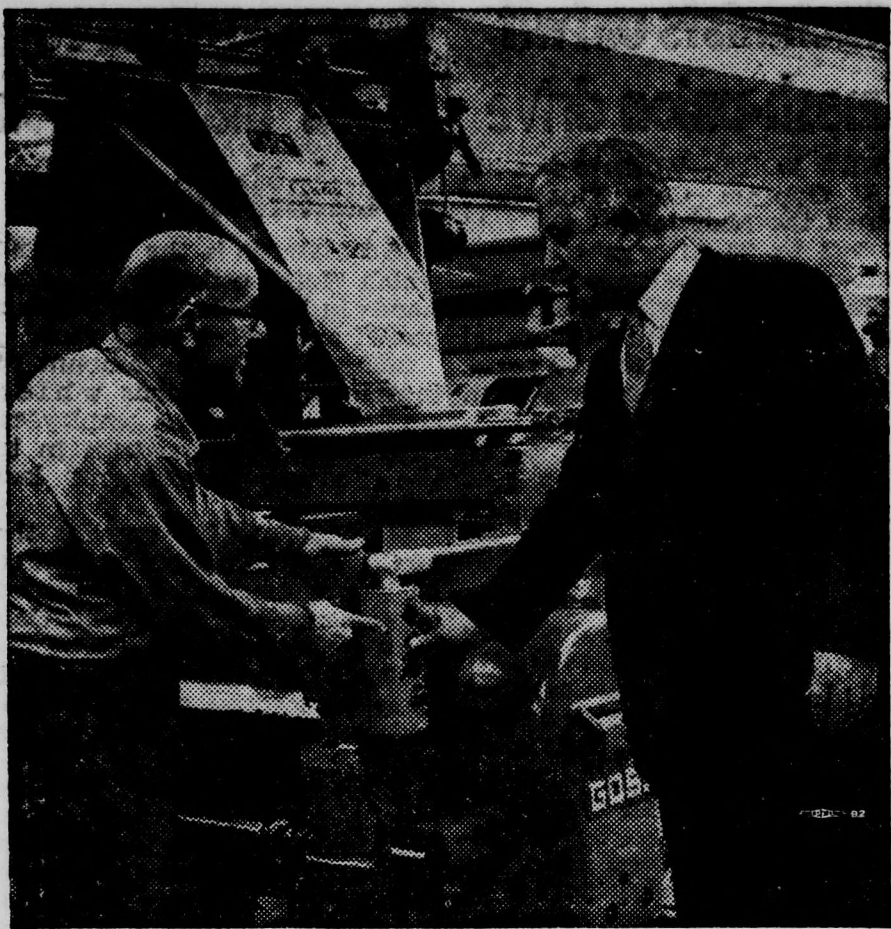
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LABOR is the concise and self-explanatory name of one of the best known labor papers in the country. It is the publication of a group of railroad unions. G. E. Leighty, chairman of the Railway Labor Executives Association, right, shown pushing the button to start Labor's new press. Ed Schiller, foreman of the pressroom, shows Leighty which button to press.

George P. Miller proposes banning scrap ship sales

A bill to prohibit the sale of surplus maritime vessels to foreign countries for the purpose of scrapping has been introduced by Congressman George P. Miller.

Miller's bill would amend the Merchant Marine Act of 1936, with respect to the scrapping or sale of vessels of insufficient value for commercial or military operation. It provides that no vessels shall be scrapped or sold for scrap unless such vessels are to be scrapped in the U. S., its territories or possessions, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

Introduction of the bill was brought about by the recent action of the Maritime Administration in offering surplus and antiquated vessels to foreign governments for scrap iron.

Congressman Miller said "If we had assurance that these vessels were going to be cut-up for scrap iron that would be one thing. But after the vessels get into the hands of the new foreign owners they could be reconditioned and put into competition with other ships."

Miller added "Another facet of the case is the demand for scrap steel in this country. Scrapping of these vessels will not only help fill that demand but will give badly needed jobs to marine salvage agents in areas of this country where employment is low."

AFTRA and Screen Actors to merge?

WASHINGTON — David L. Cole, noted national labor mediator, has been selected to conduct a study of the feasibility of merger of two AFL-CIO entertainment unions—the Screen Actors Guild and the American Federation of Television & Radio Artists.

In a joint announcement, AFTRA Pres. Clayton Collyer and SAG Pres. Howard Keels said the study would get under way immediately, with Cole due to report back upon its completion to the merger study committees of the two unions.

Cole, a former director of the U. S. Mediation & Conciliation Service, is currently the permanent arbitrator under the AFL-CIO No-Raiding Agreement.—**AFLCIO News.**

Ex-Commie tells business men all

A Chicago man named Ira H. Latimer is lecturing businessmen about how they should organize "practical politics" against labor. A former head of the Illinois "Right-to-Work" Committee, he has been hired as a consultant to a group calling itself the "Conference of American Small Business Organizations," an anti-union front group.

It so happens that Latimer was admittedly a Communist Party member from 1945 to 1947 and was a leader in Communist-front groups for many years before that.

When Latimer applied for a license to practice law in Illinois, he was rejected by a committee of the state supreme court. The committee said he "lacks the qualities of candor, veracity, integrity and responsibility which are fundamental components of good character and fitness necessary for admission to practice in this state." The Illinois supreme court upheld these findings.

Is this the type of man corporation executives need to "educate them about political action?" —**COPE**

Unionist praised as state official

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Joseph Sabel of the AFLCIO Meat Cutters, who has stepped down as state Deputy Secretary of Labor and Industry, won praise from management, labor and government for a job "well-done."

Sabel was feted at a dinner sponsored by American Stores, Inc. before returning to his duties as secretary-treasurer of Amalgamated Food Employees' Local 590 in Pittsburgh.—**AFLCIO News**

Tobacco workers will receive part of profits

DETROIT — The Tobacco Workers have negotiated a three-year contract with the Scotten, Dillon Tobacco Co. here which provides for a share of the firm's profits in addition to wage increases.

Two percent of net operating profits for the years 1958 through 1961 will be added to a 13-cent hourly raise. The union also won additional half-holidays on Christmas Eve and Good Friday.—**AFLCIO News**

GOP-Dixiecrats alliance backing anti-labor bill

By WILLARD SHELTON
AFLCIO News Service

The White House has again thrown its full weight behind a program to toughen the pending labor-management bill with severe picketing and boycott restrictions and with harsh criminal penalties to enforce a so-called "bill of rights" for union members.

As the House of Representatives moved toward a showdown floor fight on the Labor Committee bill sponsored by Representative Carl Elliott (D-Ala.), a Republican-conservative Democratic coalition offered a drastic substitute introduced by Representative Robert P. Griffin (R-Mich.) and Representative Phil M. Landrum (D-Ga.).

President Eisenhower told his July 29 news conference that the Landrum-Griffin measure was a "tremendous improvement" and said he "commended the people that have gotten together" to place it before the House.

He had reports on the bill both from GOP congressional leaders and Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell, the President said, and the bill "comes a long ways closer" to meeting Administration proposals on picketing boycotts and other recommendations.

House Republican Leader Charles A. Halleck (Ind.) said after a White House conference that he thought the GOP-conservative Democratic coalition had enough votes to kill the Elliott bill by substituting the Landrum-Griffin measure.

Senator John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) also threw his support to the Landrum Griffin bill, which in some details is more severe than the Senate measure sharply criticized by the AFLCIO as "punitive" and "anti-labor."

Directly assailing AFLCIO President George Meany, McClellan charged that the House Committee's Elliott bill was "softer and weaker" than legislation McClellan says is needed.

Eleanor Roosevelt says Presbyterians did well to condemn RTW scheme

WASHINGTON — Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt has issued a statement praising the United Presbyterian Church for condemning so-called "right-to-work" laws.

FDR's widow, who is co-chairman of the National Council for Industrial Peace, said the resolution adopted at the church's recent General Assembly is in line with positions taken by other religious groups which have condemned "work" laws as immoral and against the welfare of a majority of the people.

The church assembly, representing nearly 4 million United Presbyterians, voiced confidence in collective bargaining "as the most responsible and democratic way of resolving issues in labor-management relations." — **AFLCIO News.**

British workers struck fewer times in 1958 than in the year 1957

LONDON — British workers were forced to strike far less often in 1958 than in 1957, according to official figures reported by the Ministry of Labor.

Man-days lost by strikes last year totaled less than 3.5 million, compared to a postwar high of nearly 8.5 million in 1957. The number of strikes dropped by 230 to 2,629, of which 1 percent lasted no more than two days and another 12 percent no more than three days. Six big strikes accounted for two-thirds of the lost days.—**AFLCIO News.**

If they solicit you for AFLCIO convention issue, it's a racket!

There will be no special editions of any authorized labor papers during the AFLCIO convention in San Francisco in September.

Neither San Francisco Labor, nor East Bay Labor Journal, the only papers in the area which would have authorization to do so, will have special editions.

Any business or individual approached for ads in a purported special edition of an authorized labor paper should accordingly realize that he is being approached by someone attempting to perpetrate a racket.

Confirmation of the above statements can be received by telephoning the regional AFLCIO office, YUkon 2-6716; or San Francisco Labor Council, Market 1-6304; or Alameda County Labor Council, Higate 4-6510.

California polls favor Democrats

Since 1916, California election results have paralleled the national election results. Will the Democrats again sweep the majority of the election contests in 1960 like they did in 1958? A hint that this is now the situation is found in the latest California Poll. The California Poll found the following results in pairing various potential Republican and Democratic candidates against each other.

When Stevenson was paired against Nixon, the Poll showed 53% for Stevenson, 42% for Nixon, 5% undecided. When Kennedy was paired against Nixon, the Poll showed 52% for Kennedy, 40% for Nixon and 8% undecided. Stevenson against Rockefeller showed 50% for Stevenson, 42% for Rockefeller; and for Kennedy 48%, Rockefeller 40%, with 12% undecided.

These and other recent polls indicate that whoever the Democratic nominee may be—he may have a decided edge at the beginning of the campaign against any Republican nominee. However, the key question in the 1960 election, like in all past elections, is what kind of a Republican will be nominated in the Republican Legislative Districts, and what kind of a Democrat will be nominated in the Democratic Legislative Districts in the party primaries? With cross-filing now ended, these questions will be more important than ever.—**California COPE**

Labor makes gains in Illinois laws

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—The Illinois Legislature voted moderate improvements in the unemployment and workmen's compensation programs and defeated three bills labeled "anti-labor" by the State AFL-CIO before adjourning.

On the eve of adjournment, Senate Republicans killed a fair employment bill endorsed by GOP Gov. William G. Stratton and passed overwhelmingly by the Democratic House. — **AFLCIO News.**

Petris comments on two new laws he put on books

Nicholas C. Petris, Democrat, 15th District, East Oakland, has commented on his Redevelopment Agency and Auto Driving School bills, signed by Governor Brown.

A.B. 1810 establishes a court procedure for testing the validity of a redevelopment or urban renewal plan and any bond program which such plans may include.

"This new law provides for written notice to every single property owner in the redevelopment or urban renewal area," Assemblyman Petris said. "It gives the opportunity to any property owner or other interested persons to challenge the validity of any action undertaken by a redevelopment agency in establishing and carrying out its program. They even have the right to challenge the very creation of the agency if any error in the original proceedings is claimed."

Petris explained that one of the primary purposes of his amendment to the Redevelopment Law of California is to establish a definite termination date for all litigation so that the sale of bonds for financing the local share of the cost would not be jeopardized. As long as there is litigation pending, regardless of its merits, the bonds cannot be sold.

A.B. 1848 improves the regulation of Automobile Driving Schools and was supported by Governor Brown as a contribution to traffic safety. Among the changes included in Petris' new law is a requirement that both driving school owners and instructors must hold a free and clear drivers license without having any suspension or probation attached to it.

FEPC COMMITTEE which did much to get Fair Employment Law passed by the Legislature, is worthy of continued support by labor, said a report of the CLC Community Service Committee unanimously adopted by the council delegates. C. L. Delums has been active on the FEPC Committee.



Ike-Dixiecrat-NAM bill is denounced at meeting of BTC

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Congressmen, said in his letter that "unfortunately, there are a number of middle-of-the-road Representatives from California who feel that they must vote for a so-called Labor Management Reform bill irrespective of what it will do to the trade union movement."

"In every sense, the chips are down," Haggerty continued. "No Congressman who votes for the anti-labor bills can be considered a friend of the labor movement."

The feeling that "the chips are down" dominated the discussion at the BTC meeting.

BTC Business Representative J. L. Childers reported that Bryan Deavers, president of the State Building Trades Council, was in Washington talking with Congressmen; that Jim Martin of the Steamfitters was there; that Engineers 3 had sent two men; that Chester Bartolini, Carpenters 36, secretary of the Bay Cities District Council of that international, was active in the matter.

Also, Childers said, at the meeting of the State BTC executive board all present reported that the general presidents of the internationals were deeply concerned about the struggle in the House.

Childers said that he had talked on the phone with Congressman Jeffery Cohelan, and that the probabilities were that there would be no debate on the bills on the floor of the House, but just grim voting on the various measures.

Childers read aloud a section on so-called "extortion picketing" to show how drastic some provisions considered by the House were.

He reminded the delegates that even under present law one business agent is serving a 12-year term for "extortion" simply because he tried to have an AGC contract enforced.

J. S. (Blackie) Miller, Painters 12, remarked that in some of the proposed legislation there seemed to be a \$10,000 fine for anything a union officer did, and that financial secretaries were held criminally liable for even slight mistakes.

RUTLEDGE MOURNED

When the council adjourned, it did so in respect to the memory of Hugh Rutledge, so long an officer of the Painters 127 and the District Council of Painters, and so long a valued participant in BTC meetings.

J. S. (Blackie) Miller of the union Rutledge had so well served, spoke feelingly of the departed brother.

Building tradesmen have not only been proud of Hughie Rutledge's union career, but of his civic prominence as a member of the Oakland Planning Commission, a post to which he had just been reappointed before his death.

DELEGATES SEATED

Thomas Almond was seated, and Lem Flanagan reseated for Carpenters 36.

Alfred Verschell was seated for Elevator Constructors 8.

George S. Bennett was seated for Plasterers 112.

Allen J. Melton was seated for Piledrivers 34.

D. LaRieu was seated for Painters 127.

Merle F. Hendricks was seated for Millwrights 102.

FACTS NEGOTIATED

Engineers 3 and Electrical Workers 595 announced they had negotiated new contracts, and copies were on file with Secretary John Davy.

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it?

Sell picnic tickets or give up in '60, is COPE'S warning

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House of Representatives. Under the Taft-Hartley Act, no money from the treasuries of unions can be spent in Federal campaigns; such money must come from voluntary individual contributions. The buying of a ticket to the picnic satisfies this requirement. But if such tickets are not bought, labor's political efforts on the Federal level are frustrated.

Co-chairmen of the ticket committee are Leslie K. Moore of Auto & Ship Painters 1176, secretary-treasurer of Painters District Council 16; and Joseph Pruss, Sheet Metal Workers 216, president of the Building Trades Council.

Members of the ticket committee are Paul L. Jones, Laborers 304; O. K. Mitchell, Shipyard Laborers 886; J. L. Childers, business representative, Building Trades Council; William Stumpf, Steel Machinists 1304; Robert S. Ash, secretary, Central Labor Council; Charles Jones, Food Clerks 870; C. L. Dellums, Sleeping Car Porters; Jack Tobler, United Auto Workers.

Ash and Arthur Hellender, CLC Assistant Secretary, reported that 60,000 tickets for the picnic have been printed and distributed to the various union offices.

Pete Ceremello, Paint Makers 110y, said that his union was trying to get each member to take one book for sale. Each book, containing 12 tickets, is valued at \$10; if ten of the tickets are sold at a dollar apiece, the remaining two tickets belong to the one who sold the ten, and give him or her two more opportunities to participate in the awards enumerated on the special slips given free with each ticket.

Moore said that in Local 1176 a method has been followed in previous years which has worked out very well.

Cost of living up as dividends rise to record heights

The cost of living hit another alltime record during June, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reports. The increase in living costs amounted to almost one half of one per cent over those of May, the largest rise in 14 months. Last month, the average family had to pay \$12.45 for the same goods and services that cost \$10 in 1947-49, or approximately one fourth more. Just about every important item in the family budget was higher in June than ever before—including food, housing, transportation and medical care.

Meantime, dividend payments by corporations issuing public reports set a new record during the first half of the year. The Commerce Dept. says the total of \$6,009,100,000 was 3 per cent more than payments amounted to in 1958. Cash disbursements in June were \$1.8 billion, an increase of \$100 million over June a year ago. The department says dividends in the first quarter were higher by 2 per cent than a year earlier, and in the second quarter were 4 per cent higher.

Did somebody say wages are the cause of inflation?—COPE.

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Member of Painters' Local 127

Pruss said that the shop stewards of Local 216 have been entrusted with the sale of tickets. Jack Long, Steel Machinists 1304, said that his local's 100 stewards were selling tickets.

Hellender suggested that unions with no checkoff system should have the office secretaries hold books to sell tickets, and let them get the benefit of the last two tickets reserved for the seller.

Moore said that unions puzzled about methods to follow in selling the tickets might call him at his union office, TWinoaks 3-1862; or Paul L. Jones at TWinoaks 3-1040; or Joseph Pruss at TWinoaks 3-3010.

Another major action at the COPE meeting was the adoption of a recommendation to the Central Labor Council and the Building Trades Council that they hold a referendum among their affiliated locals on the holding of a Labor Day parade in 1960.

Of late years the customs of Labor Day parades has fallen in abeyance, but many other organizations hold very successful parades which are watched by hundreds of thousands of spectators, despite all talk of changing times and customs, and many labor people have felt lately, it was brought out at the COPE meeting, that with labor under such heavy fire from the big interests, it would be well to march for the cause, and let the public know that labor is alive and resolute.

In addition to the ticket committee for the picnic other committees were named as follow, in each instance the first name being that of the chairman:

Children's games—Al Thomas, Carpenters 36; Richard Groulx, assistant secretary, Central Labor Council; Jack Long, Steel Machinists 1304.

Publicity—Robert A. Ash, secretary, Central Labor Council; Joe W. Chaudet, Typographical 36; Roy Woods, Culinary 823.

Refreshments—Fran Kaczmarek, Culinary Alliance 31; Jody Kerrigan of the same union; Ruth Suhling, Communication Workers.

Adult games—Gratalee Reese, Glass Bottle Blowers; May Coleman, Cleaners 3009; Bob Ottesen, Hayward Culinary 823.

Golf—Chaudet; O. K. Mitchell, Shipyard Laborers 886; Charles Wells, Steelworkers 1798; Joe Angelo, Steelworkers 3367.

Chairmen of the Day—Ash and Childers.

Parking and gate committees will be named later.

Enough food in U. S. to help poor nations

WASHINGTON — The United States has enough surplus food to feed its own hungry and at the same time carry out the objectives of the "Food for Peace" campaign in the rest of the world, AFL-CIO Legislative Rep. H. H. Bookbinder told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Bookbinder testified in favor of a measure introduced by Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) and 10 co-sponsors which would expand overseas food operations. —AFLCIO News.

DELICIOUS MEALS COCKTAILS

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'Hide the label' campaign in South

WASHINGTON — A manufacturing concern in a southern "right-to-work" state is busy conducting a one-man "hide-the-union-label" campaign.

This became known recently when a reputable social welfare agency mailed out thousands of copies of a pamphlet on its aims and program which bore the union label.

The Old Dominion Box Co., Charlotte, N. C., returned the pamphlet to the agency. The union label had been circled, and attached was a printed form charging:

"This is a union label. 'It is one of the union leaders' coercive tools used in their efforts to help bring about compulsory unionism."

"We believe every man should be free to choose whether or not he wants to be a member of the union."

"Therefore we object to your use of this discriminatory label. 'Tell your printer to omit the label on future jobs.'"

"Print it anywhere—but please do not use the label!"

"We cannot with clear conscience do business with you or support your cause as long as you continue to use the label." —AFLCIO News

Schnitzler says labor's apprentice training is being cut down too much

HARRISBURG, PA.—AFL-CIO Sec.-Treas. William F. Schnitzler has accused the Eisenhower Administration of "bureaucratic blindness" in bypassing labor's long-term apprentice training programs in favor of an abbreviated course which he warned would produce only "half-trained" workers.

He charged that there is "some evidence" that the U. S. Office of Education was aiming at the production of "technicians" who would be "trained merely in one or two skills and sent out into the labor market to compete at lower rates of pay with fully-skilled journeymen." —AFLCIO News.

Eighth District Demos for Butler; rap Un-Am group

Unanimous support for Democratic National Committee Chairman Paul Butler in his criticism of Democratic Congressmen who fail to carry out in legislative action the platform of the Democratic Party was voted by delegates to the Eighth Congressional District Democratic Council at its last monthly meeting in the San Leandro City Hall.

The Council also condemned the House Un-American Activities Committee for subpoenaing California teachers to appear before it and then postponing the hearings until the opening of schools in September thereby casting doubts regarding the loyalty of the teachers.

Participation in the East Bay Committee for Freedom in Education was approved and Mrs. Marion Hageman, San Leandro and George Rodenborn, Alameda, were selected as delegates.

The Council also voted to affiliate with the California Consumers Association which was organized at a meeting of labor, cooperative, farm and civic groups in San Francisco.

A federal food stamp plan for distributing surplus farm commodities to needy people was endorsed. Congressman George P. Miller has introduced a bill on this.

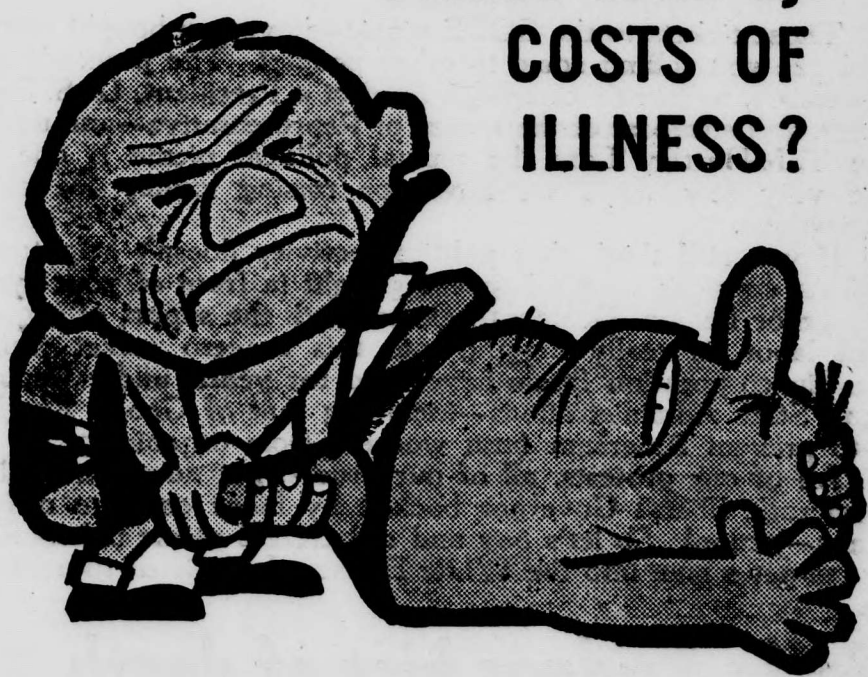
A resolution was passed urging energetic action by Federal and State authorities to acquire Point Reyes Park consisting of 28,000 acres of woodland and beach area in Marin County.

Harry Whiteside, vice chairman, presided over the meeting in the absence of Phil Murphy, chairman.

Ohio boosts jobless pay but keeps 26-day limit

COLUMBUS, O. — The Ohio Legislature has passed a trimmed-down bill raising maximum unemployment compensation payments \$9 to \$14 a week but leaving unchanged the present 26-week limit on duration. —AFLCIO News.

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Ike, Steel, open shop, company union, etcetera

Weirton Steel's plant in West Virginia, employing 13,500 men, is not affected by the big strike. Weirton Steel is open shop, officially, but some 10,000 of its workers belong to the Independent Steelworkers Union, which the United Steelworkers claim is a company union. The dues are 66 cents and a fraction of a cent per month! Draw your own conclusions.

Weirton Steel is a division of the National Steel Corporation, the nation's fifth largest steel producer. George M. Humphrey, President Eisenhower's Secretary of the Treasurer from 1953 to 1957, still one of Ike's best friends, and believed to be one of his principal advisors on the steel crisis, is chairman of the corporation.

When Mr. Eisenhower is asked about the steel crisis, he says he doesn't wish to take sides.

It all fits together in the Eisenhower picture as beautifully as the company union with compulsory membership in the Tribune editorial room fitted in with Bill Knowland's campaign for compulsory open shop.

Eisenhower is strictly neutral because his best friend and advisor on steel matters is the president of a plant officially open shop with a company union charging 66 cents dues per month. Such neutrality should be put in the World's Museum of Hypocrisy, where it belongs.

And speaking of hypocrisy, it is amazing and appalling to see how far the hypocritical steel management have gotten with their gospel of "inflation"—and don't forget, that's one of Ike's favorite words. For just as the big steel companies were coming out with their 6-month financial statements, showing profits almost incredibly large, the Chronicle interviewed eight persons, all ordinary folk holding ordinary jobs, about the steel crisis, and not one of them expressed any sympathy for or interest in the half million workers forced into a strike by Big Steel and Big Neutrality.

Worst of it is, we suspect those persons were picked at random, honestly, and that their answers show how far Big Neutrality's favorite word has poisoned the minds of our people.

It's up to every one of us, individually and resolutely, by word of mouth to do all we can to counteract this Eisenhower-Humphrey-open-shop-company-union poison.

Pat Brown and picnic tickets

Those tickets to the COPE picnic—have you bought yours, and are you selling some to other people? The proceeds go, remember, to labor's campaign to elect a President, U. S. Senators, and members of the House of Representative—and under the Taft-Hartley Law the annual political picnic is one of the very few ways we have for raising money for such campaigns.

If you still think that political activity doesn't help trade unions, consider what's happening right in front of your eyes: Governor Brown, Democrat, elected with the support of organized labor, is really digging into this bracero racket which the big corporation farms have used for years, under Republican State Administrations—including that of Goody Knight!—to prevent American farm workers from organizing.

All of our protests, all of our proofs, got nowhere until a Democratic liberal Governor backed by labor got into office. Then—action! So let's buy and sell COPE picnic tickets and try to get a man into the White House who'll listen to us, too!

Hoffa-Bridges kiss of death

The Hoffa-Bridges deal for monopolizing labor organization in Hawaii was undoubtedly one of the reasons John A. Burns, Democratic candidate for Governor, lost the race last week. For some time there had been predictions that Burns would lose because of the support the Bridges-Hoffa machine was giving his candidacy, and now it's happened.

Immediately after the last spike had been driven into Burns' political coffin, the ILWU and the Teamsters concluded the sessions of their widely publicized Feast of Love, and announced that "the ILWU and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters have reached an agreement for mutual assistance."

The Hoffa-Bridges machine also endorsed some of the Democrats who won in the election, but in no campaign was this issue so prominent as in that of Burns.

There'll be plenty happening in the fiftieth State!

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SMALL FARMS HARD TO ORGANIZE?

Editor, Labor Journal:

Your July 17 editorial on the Shelley telegram to Governor Brown regarding the 160 acre limit on water distribution prompts me to ask a few questions.

Which industrial plants are the easiest for labor to organize and police: the very large or the small one-horse units?

What about the problem of lining up department stores and super-markets compared to the time and cost of getting corner-grocery and other one-family retail places into the union ranks? And keeping them union?

Do we have much luck organizing the little family operated hotels? For many years I have been a union clerk in a local hotel of 120 rooms, requiring enough hired help to give our union strong representation. When it was leased July 1 to new owners who brought in a complete new, non-union crew, all of us (mgr., clerks, maids, etc.) lost our jobs. That gave me time to mull over the questions your editorial in East Bay Labor stirred up. You know, the devil finds plenty for idle minds and hands to do.

My youth in Kansas was spent on a family-sized farm that needed only my parents and their six children to operate except a few rare weeks at harvest time when we teamed up with our neighbors who helped us make a more or less festive period out of it—holiday-type meals three times a day.

About that time a Mr. Fike was farming about ten thousand acres of Kansas wheat land on a factory basis. By using giant steam tractors pulling a train of gang plows, disc, harrows, seed drills and floats, he cut the cost of a completed seed bed to one-third what we had to spend per acre on our small 160 acre operation. According to the article in a national magazine of the period Mr. Fike also had a modern accounting office in the village he had on his big wheat ranch.

Fike needed lots of hired help for his thousands of acres. We needed none on our 160. Which farm could have been most easily organized?

Does the above apply to our California situation?

Are we really serious about organizing farm labor? If so, would farms of 160 limit or

those of thousands of acres make our task the easier and less expensive?

If we have so much trouble organizing small units in all other kinds of business, would farms be different?

I do not know. I merely pose some questions.

Respectfully submitted,

LLOYD BEEGLY
2338 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley

Editor's Note: So far we haven't done any better organizing the big corporation farms than we have the small farms. But politically and on various economic matters we have gotten much more cooperation from the Grange, which on the whole represents the smaller farms, than from the Farm Bureau and its offshoot the Associated Farmers, which represents the bigger hardboiled commercial agricultural enterprises. And if we fail to get the small farmers, and those who hope to become small farmers, lined up with us in the fight against unjust enrichment of the big corporate farmers in the water project, we'll have permitted such a vast corporate power to develop in the big valley country that they'll control all the members of the Legislature and Congress from that area, and join with big city corporate interests to mop up the earth with us.

CABINET LIFE

You know the typical week in the life of a Cabinet officer—seven formal speeches, seven informal speeches, seven hearings on the Hill, seven official cocktail parties, seven command dinner engagements. It is a schedule which leaves no time for the kind of reflection essential to creative planning. What they can do, should do, must do—and all that they should be asked to—is to pass judgment on sharply defined policy issues.—Senator Henry Jackson.

THOSE IRISH!

You never know what the Irish are going to do. We like something out of the ordinary to happen now and then.—Mrs. Catherine Byrne, Lord Mayor of Dublin.

JOHN L. CHECKED

"I made a check some years ago in Pennsylvania—and I found that there were more bankers in the penitentiary than coal-miners."—John L. Lewis.

CULINARY LABEL AD EXPLAINED

In the July 17 issue of East Bay Labor Journal, on page 3, there was an advertisement of the label of the Hotel & Restaurant Employees and Bartenders International Union. The Catering Industry Employee, published by that union, says of the ad, published in labor papers in some 20 cities:

In each of the cities the 3-column display ad was being published in the labor press as a result of a decision of the General Executive Board at its June meeting in St. Louis.

Funds for the advertising campaign, amounting to approximately \$3,000, came from the International Union's own public relations budget.

Although primary purpose of the display is "to promote among union members the idea of patronizing the hotels, motels, restaurants, cafes and resorts where other union members work", explained Jack Weinberger, general secretary-treasurer, "the campaign has other purposes, too." Among them he cited:

- Reminding our own local unions the importance of our shop cards and working buttons as tools to be used in organizing the unorganized.

- Reminding union employers in the towns where the ad appears that there is a huge and profitable market among consumers who are union members.

- Reminding readers of the labor press that the union label movement, like religion, deserves daily attention from union members and their families if it is ever to yield results.

- Reminding our own members and local union officials to wear their working buttons, to insist that employers display our shop cards in prominent places and that they permit employees to wear those buttons.

- Reminding our people to dust off the union label idea and begin reactivating union label committees and promotion work for the sake of old-fashioned labor solidarity.

Poor mouth

We hear it every time we go into negotiations; management tells us how poor the company is. Rich relatives tell us how broke they are—for fear we'll touch them for a loan. We hear it when somebody is taking up a collection. It's called poor mouthing. And, we're going to be hearing a lot more of it from Washington. We're going to hear that the richest man on earth is too poor.

The national debt is no more a sign of national bankruptcy than the stock market is a sign of business bankruptcy. A company is successful and sound when its customers are pleased; a government is successful and sound when its people are well cared for and happy. The richest nation on earth can afford to clear its slums and any other Government service its people want. Let's not let them poor mouth us out of it.—The Machinist

All on our side

A Southern Negro businessman, quoted in the New York Times:

"We've got the fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man, the Bill of Rights, the United States Supreme Court, American democracy and democratic principles and sentiment, Republican and Democratic sympathy, national politics, and world history all on our side. But what good is all of it if we can't vote and help elect officials who will at least be willing to sit down and talk to us about making this a better community for everybody to live in?"